

RINGING OF THE BELLS

FAITH IN ACTION – ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRELUDE *There's Something About That Name*
William and Gloria Gaither

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalms 95 and 100*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In Your hand are the depths of the earth, O Lord; the heights of the mountains are Yours also.

The sea is the Yours, for You made it, and the dry land, which Your hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For You are our God, and we are Your people.

*HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign*

No. 300, vss. 1, 4, 5

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Does its successive journeys run,

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
Honor and glory to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, Giver of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. How often we hold a grudge, sustain a pout, harbor a complaint. We are preoccupied with our hurts and absorbed in the little injustices done to us. You call us to proclaim boldly the dawn of Your Kingdom, but our shouts come out as whispers. In your grace, forgive us. Clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts. Let our lives be worthy of Christ the King, the Prince of Peace, the Redeemer of all. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reconciliation

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

. To all who ask, O God, You offer forgiveness of sins, a chance to start over, a new beginning. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

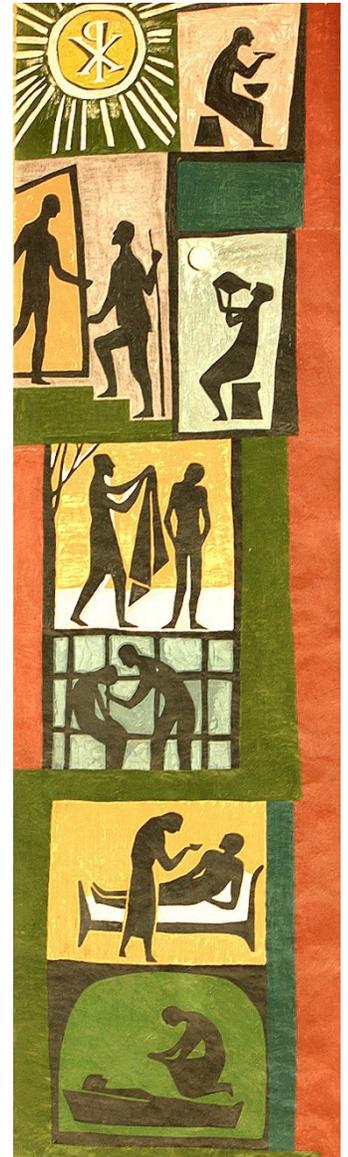
EPISTLE (“Letter to the Church”) Ephesians 1: 15-23 NRSV

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and

power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



WITNESS TO THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

"If Thou Art with Me"

JS Bach

Pavin Esbaum, trumpet; Joy Combs, accompanist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Praise the Name of Jesus

Roy Hicks

*DOXOLOGY

We Praise You, O God

No. 420, vs. 1

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You; we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, **all that we have comes from your hand. We bring what You have already given us - gifts for the work of Your Kingdom. May Christ the King rule in our hearts so that we are powerful witnesses to the truth of Your kingdom of love, justice and peace. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

*HYMN

Alleluia, Gracious Jesus

The New Century Hymnal #257

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!
Yours the scepter, yours the throne!
Alleluia! Yours the triumph,
yours the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of saints and martyrs
thunder like a mighty flood,
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! You are near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received you,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget your promise,
"I am with you evermore."

*BENEDICTION

from Byzantine Vespers

Knowing the commands of Christ, let this be our way of life:

Let us feed the hungry,
Let us give the thirsty drink,
Let us clothe the naked,
Let us welcome strangers,
Let us visit those in prison and the sick.

Then the judge of all will say even to us:

Come, you blessed of the Lord,

Rejoice, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! AMEN.

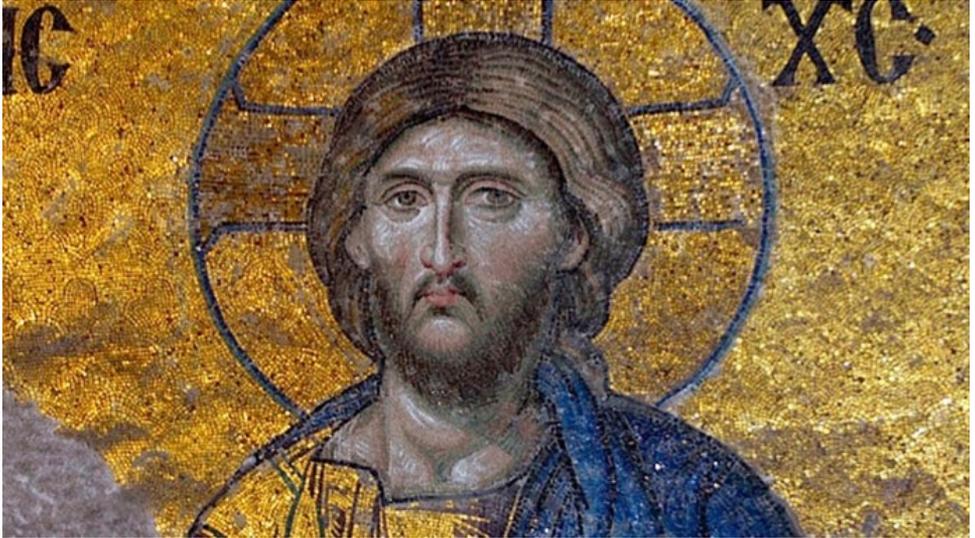
*POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord

- Morris Chapman

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Special Music:	Pavin Esbaum & Joy Combs
Organist:	Sandra Horman
Liturgist:	Terry Lasack
Videographer:	Aaron Horman
Power Point:	David Niermeyer



Join us for worship at Zion this Sunday at 9:30 am.

ONLINE WORSHIP ONLY

COMING UP AT ZION

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

Worship at 9:30 am

ONLINE ONLY (Facebook Livestream, YouTube and Local Cable)

[View the Online Worship Bulletin for Nov. 22](#)

MONDAY, NOV. 23

Herald newsletter articles due

Worship & Music Committee VIRTUAL Meeting at 6 pm *Tentative*

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7 pm

ONLINE ONLY (Facebook Livestream and YouTube)

THURSDAY, NOV. 26
Happy Thanksgiving!
Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOV. 28
Church Christmas Decorating **Cancelled** ([See Below for More Information](#))

SUNDAY, NOV. 29
Worship at 9:30 am
ONLINE ONLY (Facebook Livestream, YouTube and Local Cable)
Senior High Fellowship VIRTUAL Meeting at 10:45 am *Tentative*

[VIEW THE ZION CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS](#)

Due to COVID-19, it is REQUIRED that face coverings be worn at all time inside the church building for worship services, meetings, and other church functions. Also, please practice social distancing throughout the church. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to prevent the spread of the virus.

Sunday worship is currently available ONLINE ONLY. Worship is livestreamed on [FACEBOOK](#) and posted to our [YOUTUBE](#) channel later in the day and later in the week on local cable channels. The livestream video begins about 9:20 am.

[FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM WORSHIP LINK](#)

[VIEW THE ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR NOV. 22 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERVICE FROM HOME.](#)

IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED

As Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact many in our local community and around the world, the church council has been monitoring the increase in cases and hospitalizations in Iowa as well as reviewing guidance from Tri-Conference Ministry leaders, the Centers for Disease Control and other governmental advice and proclamations. **While it was a difficult decision, the church council has agreed to suspend all IN-PERSON worship services, Christian Education classes and organization/committee meetings through Dec. 10.** The Council will continue to be in conversation, and we will communicate further decisions regarding worship and activities for the remainder of December.

[VIEW THE FULL SUSPENSION ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED NOV. 19](#)



MAKE OUR SANCTUARY BEAUTIFUL

UPDATE: Even with the suspension of worship and activities, Evening Circle is still selling poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or for the glory of the season, please contact Evening Circle members Joy Combs at (563) 941-7709 or Terry Lasack at (563) 941-5529. Three sizes are available: Small - \$7, Medium - \$14, Large - \$20. They are available in red, white or pink. **The deadline to place orders is Nov. 22.** You may also make a monetary donation to support a program of the church including the Food Pantry, North Cedar Clergy Food Baskets, Christmas Decorating Fund or any other ministry. Poinsettias may be picked up on Christmas Eve or shortly thereafter.

The Christmas Decorating Committee still has plans to decorate our church and sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. The scheduled decorating day for Nov. 28 has been cancelled; however, we are encouraging families or small groups of a few people to decorate at scheduled times. If you are interested in helping decorate, please contact Julie Hoffmeier at (563) 941-5245.

CHRISTMAS BELLS PROGRAM

The North Cedar Clergy' Christmas Bells will be available soon. If you are willing to assist with cutting out bells, please contact [Pastor Susan](#). We will send a notice when bells are on the "bell tree" if you would like to help make Christmas a little brighter for a child in our community.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

In November, the Missions Committee is collecting items for the Food Pantry. Needed items include canned meats, pasta and sauces, peanut butter and jelly. Please consider supporting this important ministry. There is a table in the Main Entrance for you to place your donations. Thank you.

In December, the Missions Committee is spearheading a "Socks for St. Nicholas" program. Look for more information coming soon on how you can participate.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Church Council met Nov. 18. Here are highlights of the meeting:

- The council reviewed the proposed 2021 church general fund budget. This will be shared with members soon and voted on at the Dec. 13 congregational meeting.
- The consolidation of several church bank accounts was approved to be effective Jan. 1.
- Pastor Susan's interim ministry contract was clarified to adopt a "Possible Candidacy Covenant." This identifies Pastor Susan as our Transitional Pastor and allows for possible consideration as our settled pastor.
- After an in-depth discussion, the council agreed to suspend in-person worship and activities through Dec. 10 due to an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

WANTED: WORSHIP LEADERS

We are looking for volunteers to assist with **reading scriptures**, providing **special music**, operating the **video camera** and running the Power Point **slide presentation** during worship. Please consider helping with these very important parts of our weekly worship service. Contact the [church office](#) or [Aaron Horman](#) if you are interested in helping out. **The Power Point and videographer training session scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 22, has been postponed.**

CONTACT ZION

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If you have church news or information to share in the weekly Zion News, please e-mail news@zionucclowden.org.